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Reptilia, Iguania, Liolaemini, *Liolaemus punmahuida*: **new geographic record**

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Liolaemus punmahuida (Figure 1) was recently described (Avila *et al*. 2003) being indicated as endemic from the high slopes (c.a. 3000 m.a.s.l) of Tromen volcano, an isolated mountain in Chos Malal Department, northwestern Neuquén province, Argentina (Figure 2). During recent surveys in the slopes of Domuyo volcano (36˚36'04,3" S, 70˚25'49,7" W, c.a. 2690 m a.s.l), the highest peak of southern Andes, located in Cordillera del Viento Mountains, Minas Department, Neuquén Province (Figure 2), D. R. Perez and C. Navarro collected on 22 January 2005 five specimens of a *Liolaemus* species which were morphologically similar to the species described as *L. punmahuida* (Avila *et al*., 2003). Comparisons of collected specimens with those of *L. punmahuida* housed in the collection of the Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT-CONICET) along with *L. punmahuida* specimens of the type series, revealed the new distributional record for the species. All specimens accord with the meristic and folidosis characters, and color pattern provided by Avila *et al*. (2003). Voucher specimens were deposited in the Collection of the Centro Nacional Patagónico (CENPAT-CONICET) under the numbers LJAMM 6157, 6164-7. This constitutes the first record for *Liolaemus punmahuida* in Minas Department and represents the northernmost known distribution of the species, extending species range ca. 65 km northwest from type locality (airline). Our record reinforces the endemism of the species to the restricted region of the volcanoes of Chos Malal and Minas Department in Neuquén Province.

Figure 1. Adult male of *Liolaemus punmahuida* collected in Cordillera del Viento Mountains, Minas Department, Neuquén Province. Photograph courtesy of C. Perez.

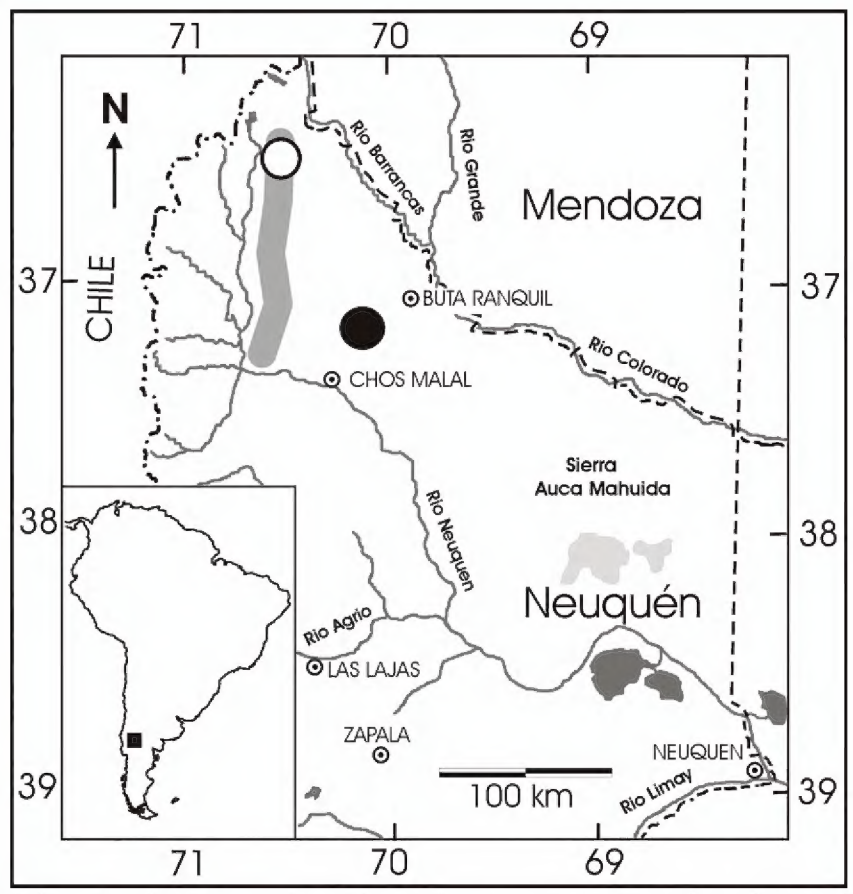

Figure 2. Map showing the known distribution of *Liolaemus punmahuida*: Closed circle = type locality. Open circle = new locality reported. Grey line: Cordillera del Viento Mountains. Main rivers and cities are marked as reference.

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